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Cuba Plot To Kill Castro Admitted

Havana, March 7 (AP)—A former Cuban Army major, Rolando Cubelas, admitted to a revolutionary tribunal today that he had planned to shoot Prime Minister Fidel Castro. He tearfully pleaded for conviction and a death sentence.

"To the wall. To be executed, that is what I want. It is justified," he cried.

Cubelas stood trial with six other Cubans before the five-man tribunal on charges of plotting the assassination of Castro with American Central Intelligence Agency personnel and a Cuban exile leader, Manuel Artime.

Trial To Continue

The trial, held in La Cabana prison fortress, was continued until tomorrow after the session lasting four hours.

The prosecutor, Jorge Segura, asked the death penalty for Cubelas, former Army Major Ramon Guin, Jose Gonzalez Gallaretta and Alberto Blanco Romariz. Thirty-year prison sentences were asked for Juan Alsina Navarro, Guillermo Cunill Alvarez and Angel Herrero Veliz.

Guin was not specifically charged with participating in the plot, but merely knowing about it and concealing it.

The main charge against Guin was espionage for the CIA.

Two Admitted Guilt

Admitting their guilt along with Cubelas were Gonzalez Gallaretta and Blanco Romariz. Guin admitted knowing vaguely about the plan, but denied any participation in it.

The supposed plot was agreed upon in Madrid early in 1965, according to the participants, but there was no specific date mentioned for an assassination attempt.

Guin told the court that he had been a CIA agent since September, 1963.

Alsina Navarro and Herrero Veliz and Cunill Alvarez denied having any knowledge of the assassination plan.

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